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Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 58th, 65th, 67th and 68th meetings, on 7, 22 and 25 May 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/55/SR.58, 65, 67 and 68).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/55/935) and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/55/874 and A/55/941).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.83

4. At the 68th meeting, on 25 May, the representative of Botswana, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on the item, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" (A/C.5/55/L.83).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.83 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and resolution 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding, respectively, the deployment to the Congo region of military liaison personnel and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1332 (2000) of 14 December 2000,

Recalling its resolutions 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 and 54/260 B of 15 June 2000 on the financing of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, in particular those paragraphs regarding the peacekeeping budgetary cycles which should be adhered to in the future budgeting process, where possible;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 30 April 2001, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 32.7 million United States dollars, representing some 16 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes that some 64 per cent of Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

[1] A/55/935.

[2] A/55/874 and A/55/941.

4. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

6. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

7. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

8. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Expresses concern* about the high level of unliquidated obligations in the Mission as at 30 June 2000;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 58,681,000 gross (58,441,000 net), as previously authorized and apportioned under the terms of General Assembly resolutions 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 and 54/260 B of 15 June 2000 for the establishment and operation of the Mission for the period from 6 August 1999 to 30 June 2000;

15. *Decides also* to appropriate the amount of 232,119,600 dollars gross (229,085,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, inclusive of the amount of 141,319,000 dollars gross (140,827,100 dollars net) previously authorized under the terms of General Assembly resolution 54/260 B and of 49,865,400 dollars gross (49,530,700 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A, and authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into

[3] A/55/941.

additional commitments for the Mission for the same period in the amount not exceeding 41 million dollars gross and net;

16. *Decides further*, taking into account the amount of 141,319,000 gross (140,827,100 dollars net) already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 54/260 A, to apportion the additional amount of 83,233,883 dollars gross (80,903,625 dollars net) for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 15 June 2001 among Member States, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2001, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000;

17. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 A (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 2,330,258 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 15 June 2001;

18. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 7,566,717 dollars gross (7,354,875 dollars net) for the period from 15 to 30 June 2001, in accordance with paragraph 16 above, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 15 June 2001;

19. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 A (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 211,842 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 15 to 30 June 2001;

20. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 3,409,600 dollars gross (3,605,300 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989 and as adjusted by the Assembly in subsequent relevant resolutions and decisions for the ad hoc apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, the latest of which were resolution 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and decisions 54/456, 54/457 and 54/458 of 23 December 1999 for the period 1998-2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 54/237 A of 23 December 1999;

21. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 3,409,600 dollars gross (3,605,300 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 2000 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, in accordance with paragraph 20 above;

22. *Decides further* to appropriate for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 an amount of 200 million dollars gross (194,823,300 dollars net) to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with paragraph 16 above, at the monthly rate of 33,333,333 dollars gross

(32,470,550 dollars net), subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 30 June 2001;

23. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 A (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 5,176,700 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001;

24. *Decides also* to appropriate to the Special Account for the Mission the amount of 8,260,509 dollars gross (7,249,409 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 862,915 dollars gross (774,893 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with paragraph 16 above and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2001 and 2002, as set out in General Assembly resolution 55/5 B, the scale of assessments for the year 2001 to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 4,130,254 dollars gross (3,624,704 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 431,457 dollars gross (387,446 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, and the scale of assessments for the year 2002 to be applied against the balance, that is, 4,130,255 dollars gross (3,624,704 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 431,458 dollars gross (387,447 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002;

25. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 A (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,011,100 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 88,022 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base approved for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, 505,550 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 44,011 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base, being amounts pertaining to the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, and the balance, that is, 505,550 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 44,011 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base pertaining to the period from 1 January to 30 June 2002;

26. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

27. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

28. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

29. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".